

Rainbow Gathering Update

Monday, June 26, 2017



Malheur National Forest Update

The Rainbow Gathering is an unauthorized, unsanctioned event. Law enforcement officers are enforcing Federal rules and regulations, and we are focused on ensuring our routine program of work continues without disruption. Forest timber projects and restoration efforts are continuing as normal. The Forest Tribal Liaison is also working closely with the Burns Paiute Tribe to support monitoring efforts and ensure protection of important cultural sites. We are working with the community and local cooperators to mitigate impacts.

The Forest Service will host a community meeting in Burns on Tuesday, June 27 at the Harney County Senior Center (17 S Alder Avenue) from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

A red flag warning is in effect until 10 p.m. this evening for thunderstorms producing abundant lightning and gusty winds.

Law Enforcement Update

This gathering is in violation of federal regulations.

Forest Service regulations require that all noncommercial groups of 75 or more people obtain a free noncommercial group use permit in advance. The Rainbow Family has NOT applied for or obtained this permit from the Forest Service as required by law.

Participants and spectators involved in the gathering are hereby notified that they are in violation of Federal regulation 36 CFR 261.10(k) and are individually subject to legal action.

The construction or maintenance of structures and improvements such as latrines (slit trenches), bridges, fences, water systems, and rock and mud ovens or stoves is prohibited under 36 CFR 261.10(a) without prior written permission from an authorized Forest Service officer. Violators are subject to legal action.

The Forest Service will fulfill its responsibility for resource protection and compliance with the law. Participants and spectators will be expected to comply with the law, and enforcement action will be taken for violations.

Quick Facts Incident Summary

Attendees: 2,670

Warning Notices Issued: 166

Violation Notices Issued: 35

Arrests Made: 6

Location: Flag tail Meadow off of Forest Road 24

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